

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/17/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30,34,37-42,60,66,70-72 and 74.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/14/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 071504.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Micah Stelowitz on 7/15/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 30, line 8 "affixed to the container" has been deleted and -- affixed to the exterior of the container -- has been inserted.

In claim 37, line 8 "affixed to the container" has been deleted and -- affixed to the exterior of the container -- has been inserted.

In claim 42, line 10 "an opaque member" has been deleted and -- an opaque sealing member -- has been inserted.

In claim 60, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 60, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 60 line 6 "a reflective surface in proximity" has been deleted and -- a reflective surface outside of the container in proximity -- has been inserted.

In claim 66, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 66 line 6 "a reflective surface in proximity" has been deleted and -- a reflective surface outside of the container in proximity -- has been inserted.

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In claim 70, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 71, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 72, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

In claim 74, line 3 "with the subjects" has been deleted and -- with the subject -- has been inserted.

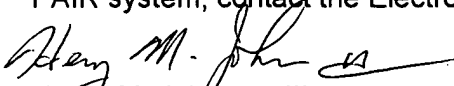
In claim 74, lines 9-10 "an opaque member" has been deleted and -- an opaque sealing member -- has been inserted.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry M Johnson, III whose telephone number is (703) 305-0910. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda C Dvorak can be reached on (703) 308-0994. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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